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CIA May Have Aided Group Here

A Cleveland-based foreign youth program last year received \$1500 from a New York foundation that has been labeled a "CIA conduit."

The Council for Youth Leaders and Social Workers Inc., headed by Henry B. Ollendorff, with headquarters in the Superior Bldg., was listed as receiving money from Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, New York City.



Ollendorff

"I consider that to be a legitimate foundation," Ollendorff said. "We received very minor funds—\$1500—from it to defray some of the expenses of our Cleveland meeting last year."

"I know of no connection between the foundation and

CIA. I have always understood its major contributor is the Steuben Glass Co., and that company's president is president of the foundation."

THE COUNCIL of which Ollendorff is secretary general grew out of his idea about 11 years ago to encourage German youth leaders and social workers to this country so they would have a better understanding of the United States.

In 11 years the program expanded to include visits from youths of 60 foreign countries.

The \$1500 grant from the Foundation for Youth last year paid for speakers at a week-long seminar of an "alumni group," composed of men and women who had visited this country before under the program's auspices.

"WE ASKED many foundations for funds to help last

year and the Foundation for Youth was one that responded," Ollendorff said.

"The only other contribution to us was to a predecessor organization in 1964 to defray expenses of two African visitors."

Ollendorff said that when there were published reports about CIA using Foundation for Youth as a "conduit" of money to other organizations, he called New York officers.

"They stand on a statement issued by the foundation's president," Ollendorff said. "We have never had any contact directly or indirectly with CIA. There were no strings attached to any funds given us."

Arthur A. Houghton Jr., president of Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs, said last week that he had "cooperated" with the Government but would not enlarge on that statement.